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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETS

Enjoying one of the best non-Conference turnouts in recent years, the Executive Council met in late October in conference rooms of a motel near Chicago's O'Hare Field, a convenience to those who arrived by plane. Among the many items of business were confirmations of the appointment of several Area Chairmen:

Rev. J. Gordon Melton, for the new Evanston, Illinois Chapter

Mrs. Robert Lee, Omaha, Neb., replacing Rev. Roy Brown who has assumed the office of Spiritual Advisor for the Chapter.

Mrs. A. R. Edyvean, Indianapolis, Ind., also a new Chapter.

Kenneth Lauterwasser, Detroit, Mich.

President Ross Sweeny announced the appointment of several new Committee heads:

Finance - Mr. William W. Holes

Long-Range Planning - Mr. Harry Hayes

Conference - Rev. William Rauscher

Retreat - Rev. Henry Hein

Nominations - Rev. Paul L. Higgins

Rev. Rauscher, with the help of Rev. Higgins, announced the preliminary plans for the Conference. Scheduled for May 14-

16, 1970, it is to be held in the Chicago Temple in downtown Chicago. One of the showplaces of Methodism, the Temple seats nearly 1,500 and is convenient to the numerous hotels and restaurants of the Chicago Loop. The Rev. Rauscher is working on a slate of top name speakers which should make this the biggest and best Conference yet! Get out those new calendars and mark the dates!!

SWEENEY TO JOIN PILGRIMAGE??

The Rev. Paul Higgins reports that response has been good to the proposed SFF Seminar Tour to England. Nearly three-quarters of the places have already been reserved.

The Executive Council warmly hopes that President Ross Sweeny can accompany the group on this historic first trip. A reservation has been made but SFF finances that could be used for his expenses are limited. Mr. William Holes, Finance Committee Chairman, suggests that there are many people who share in these good wishes and who would want to have a part in making the trip possible. Not only would they be honoring and assisting President Sweeny, but they would be cementing friendships with our sister group across the sea. Those who wish to help, may send their checks to Mr. William Holes, Chairman of the Finance Committee, in care of the SFF Evanston office.

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PRACTICING WHAT WE PREACH

"If you 'sell' it - USE it!" quipped SFF Headquarters Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Rheva Grau. And so she arranged for a healer, SFF member Mr. Don Easterberg of Evanston, Ill. to treat her ailing back. Result: far more rapid relief than on any of the many previous occurrences when conventional treatments had been used.

NEWS ITEMS

● Philadelphia, Pa. - The Rev. Adrienne Coulter and Clem Tamburrino will be at the "Would You Believe" demonstration of clairvoyance and spiritual healing, for members only, sponsored by the Philadelphia Chapter. The demonstration will be December 16, at 8:00 p.m. Each member is entitled to bring an interested guest. \$ 1.50 each person.

● Woodbury, N. J. - A special SFF evening will be held at Christ Church in addition to the lecture series. Arrangements have been made to bring Brother Mandus for a visit on Wednesday, March 18, 8:00 p.m. Contact the Rev. Rauscher, Christ Episcopal Church, Woodbury, N. J., for further details.

● Florida West Coast Chapter - This new Chapter had its first meeting November 10. Rev. William L. Lamb is acting as Chairman. The next scheduled meeting will be held December 8, 8:00 p.m. at the Lighthouse of Universal Truth, Church Activity Building, 2116 Watrous Ave., Tampa, Fla. A guest speaker is planned. Contact the Rev. Lamb, of the Tampa address for further information.

● Evanston, Ill. - The North Shore Chapter's Christmas party has been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday evening, Dec. 17, at 8:00 p.m., in a classroom at Garrett Theological Seminary. There will be an informal panel discussion on Atlantis featured.

● Little Rock, Ark. - Hettie Taub and some other SFF members have started an informal Prayer Study Group. They meet weekly on Wednesday nights, at the Pulaski Heights Bank, N. Grant and Kavanaugh.

● Vermont-New Hampshire Area - Charles R. Lawrence has been elected Area Chairman of this Chapter which formed in late October. Because of bad roads and snow in the winter,

the Chapter has broken down into four district study groups. The total group will meet in the Spring and Fall of each year. For further information, contact the Rev. Charles R. Lawrence, 39 Washington St., Barre, Vt. 05641.

● Central Pa. Chapter - The Central Pennsylvania Chapter has taken out twenty gift subscriptions to the Spiritual Frontiers Journal that are to be given to various seminaries, colleges and some of the larger libraries in that area. If you wish to do the same for your favorite institution, send \$5.00 for each subscription to the Evanston office. The gift will be tax deductible.

OUT OF PRINT

Please note that W. Dwyer's Churches Handbook for Spiritual Healing, as listed on your current sales list, is now out of print. We have only a few copies left.

NEW BOOKS FOR SALE

The SFF Book Service has three new books for sale. When ordering, please enclose 25¢ for postage and handling.

Dixon, Jeane, My Life and Prophecies \$ 5.95

Greaves, Helen, Testimony of Light \$ 3.50

Brown, Kingdon L., The Power of Psychic Awareness \$ 6.95

These books make great gifts!!!!

TO ALL LIBRARY PATRONS

Now that over 1,000 members are using the library on a regular basis, you may find that you do not receive books very fast. The reason is that there are simply not enough books to fill everyone's requests. Most heavily in demand are books on the Progressive Reading List. Please return books promptly.

Also, there has been great delay in sending out tapes. To those on the reserve list, you have not been forgotten, but since there is only one copy of each tape, it takes time.

Sincerely,

Linda Hoffmann
Librarian

● Reading the comments on the back of new member applications is one of the delightful privileges of SFF headquarters personnel. Always entertaining, they are also informative, and express varying emotions - hope, joy, discouragement, anticipation. Some are poignant, many encouraging, some even humorous. One that came through not long ago so spontaneously expresses much of the basic SFF philosophy that we'd like to share it. May the gentleman who wrote it forgive us for reproducing it without his permission. And how typical the necessity to keep his interest "quiet"!

"...After several years of reading... became impressed with the true scientific attitude and approach to things spiritual.

"I am committed to the Christian faith both through heritage and confession and in no way will prostitute this faith into a new dogma unless it can be proven by the revealed Word of God, (which at present could be hobbled by biased thought and theology along with tradition) and which faith I hold to be precious to man in light of God's promises.

"I hope only to rely on the revelation of the Holy Spirit for the truth. Perhaps SFF might help. My search is a quiet one and one which I hope is in concord with God's will. Friends and family are unaware of this search since it is 'odd'."

● Chicago Area - Dates and speakers for the next several meetings have been arranged by the Program Committee. On January 22, the speaker will be Rev. Bert Jacobs; Feb. 19th, Mr. Henry Rucker; March 20, Mrs. Irene Hughes; and on April 16, Rev. Paul Higgins. All these meetings are to be held at the Chicago Temple, 77 W. Washington in Chicago...When asked about his talk in January, Rev. Jacobs replied, "My subject will be God, and how He lives and manifests Himself today. How available He is to each one of us who believe in Him and want to know Him. How He answers when we seek and knock." We know that Rev. Jacobs is very interested in healing, in "painless operations by God", and in following the leading of the Divine Spirit. This promises to be a mountain-top program!

● Phoenix, Arizona - This Chapter has baby sitters available at SFF sponsored meetings. They ask only to be notified in advance of bringing children and charge 25¢ per child.

● Woodbury, N. J. - Tuesday, January 13th at 8:00 p.m., the Honorable Harold E. Hughes, United States Senator and distinguished former Governor of the State of Iowa, will speak at Christ Episcopal Church on "The Need for Spiritual Frontiers."

● From the San Diego Chapter's Newsletter:

Are you studying the Bible as has been suggested . . .

--putting a "P" in the margin beside those psychic events?

---putting a "H" in the margin beside examples of spiritual healing?

Try it! You'll be surprised at the difference this makes in the study of the Bible.

● KEEPING BUSY....SFF folks are always on the go, always doing things, it seems! We wish we could mention them all. Recent items that have reached us at headquarters: Rev. J. Gordon Melton, Chairman of the new Chapter in Evanston, Illinois is now heading the "Institute for the Study of American Religion"....Rev. Ted Swager, Washington, D. C. Area Chairman, has been named Director of "The Spiritual Center for Healing, Counseling, and Parapsychology" located on handsome grounds on Chesapeake Bay east of Washington....And a group of people, many of them SFF members, has bought facilities and established a Harmony Study Center near St. Paul, Minnesota.

LATEST LIBRARY DONATIONS

Von Reichenbach, K.; The Odic Force
Bedford, Stanley; Death, An Interesting Journey
Agee, D.; Edgar Cayce on ESP
Hutton, J. Bernard, Out of This World
Brown, Kingdon L.; The Power of Psychic Awareness
Smith, Susy; Haunted Houses for the Millions
Dixon, Jeane; My Life and Prophecies
Isherwood, M.; Faith Without Dogma
Jones, Amanda T.; Psychic Autobiography
Lewis, David; The Life of St. Teresa of Jesus
McTaggart, J. & McTaggart E.; Some Dogmas of Religion

Subject: TELEKINESIS

--Prepared by Mrs. Jane Hudson

I. Definition:

Telekinesis is also called psychokinesis, in which case it is shortened to "PK" by parapsychologists. It is defined in the Encyclopaedia of Occultism by Lewis Spence as "a term denoting the hypothetical faculty of moving material objects by thought alone." Spence enlarges upon this definition to include physical manifestations in the seance room and poltergeist phenomena. In this lesson the definition which will be employed is that by Dr. Louisa E. Rhine in ESP In Life and Lab (p. 161): (p. 161) the ability of the mind to influence matter directly.

II. Biblical references:

1. John 2:1-11 -- Jesus' first miracle: the changing of water into wine at the wedding feast.
2. John 6:1-14 -- The feeding of the multitude: the multiplication of the loaves and fishes.
3. Matthew 21:18-22 -- The withering of the unproductive tree.

III. Comments:

If one employs the definition "ability of the mind to influence matter directly", it may be said that the Lord's healing miracles, as well as the incidents cited above, are telekinetic in nature. Moses' parting of the Red Sea and the changing of his staff into a snake seem to be telekinetic, also. The prayer technique used by members of Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship during a healing meditation, in which the sick person is visualized as whole and well and in which the prayer energies of those meditating are channeled toward the subject for healing purposes, is a further example of the ability of the mind to influence matter.

Those who have read Yogananda's Autobiography of a Yogi will remember the chapter in which prayer and thought are shown to influence the growth of plants. Recent laboratory experiments in which plants that were "prayed over" grew faster than the control plants indicate the same result--the ability of the mind to influence matter.

The Christian Science religion is based on belief in the ability of the mind to affect matter and Christian Science practitioners employ telekinesis in their healing.

Telekinetic phenomena can be classified into three categories---spiritual, scientific, and supernatural. To the first belong the incidents recounted in the Bible and those attributed to highly evolved yogis by Yogananda. In the scientific category belong those described by Dr. Louisa Rhine, who has pioneered telekinetic research, in the accounts of her laboratory experiments. To the "supernatural" category belong such phenomena as table-tapping, poltergeist manifestations, and perhaps the ouija board.

Some people attribute poltergeist phenomena to excarnate or discarnate entities. Others attribute them to erratic energy generated in the brain of someone nearby. Nador Fodor said that such a person was nearly always a pre-pubertal adolescent. Occult accounts over several centuries describe events which are telekinetic in nature. So, telekinesis seems to be something with which those interested in spiritual development and psychic research should concern themselves.

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IV. Suggestions for individual and/or group study:

1. Find the biblical accounts of the Lord's healing "miracles" in which absolutely no physical contact is involved.
2. Have you had any personal experiences in which physical phenomena were involved such as table-tapping, ouija board, or poltergeist manifestations? If you have not, do you personally know someone who has?
3. Obtain a copy of Dr. Louisa Rhine's manual for Introductory Experiments in Parapsychology and try some of her "projects for PK experiments".

V. Bibliography (in addition to the Bible);

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Note: Mrs. Hudson is chairman of the Augusta, Georgia Area.

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Editor's note: Individuals and groups using these lessons are to keep in mind that these lessons are prepared by individual members of our Fellowship and represent a wide range of viewpoints and interpretations. In no instance are they to be interpreted as represent "the position" of S.F.F.

It is the wide range of points of view and interpretations that can stimulate wider study and discussion on the part of individuals and groups.

Your editor invites comments, suggestions, etc. Are you interested in submitting a lesson? (Rev.) C. Leslie Palmer,
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CALLED BY GOD

In 1956 the founders of Spiritual Frontiers felt "called by God" to organize a group which has as its purpose the promotion of greater and more meaningful spiritual life. They had a dream. A dream of growth within the Christian concept, for that is our heritage, but with loving welcome for all who believe in an omnipotent, living God.

Today many of these founders are still with us. And thousands have joined them in developing and promoting that dream of a higher spiritual life within the existing church. Portions of that dream have come true. Much, of course, remains to be done. These further tasks require willing people - and money.

SFF is not destitute! The salaries of two full-time employees and some part-time help are paid promptly. Bills for supplies, printing, and mailing are large - but a balance always remains in the bank.

But with more money we could do so very much more to further our dream. More money could bring us more high quality speakers, more publicity, more leaflets and booklets and informational material. More money would allow us to spread our dream into more colleges and seminaries to reach budding ministers and other potentially influential young people. More money would allow better organization on regional and local levels, would bring us more conferences, more seminars, more conventions. In short, more money would assist tremendously in furthering the aims of SFF, aims we believe inspired by God - and thus, ultimately, reflecting to the glory of God.

Mr. William L. Holes, new Chairman of the Finance Committee, is full of ideas! You will be hearing often from him from now on!

This month's suggestion: spend an added moment or two with those friends and acquaintances of yours whom you know to be interested in SFF but who haven't quite brought themselves to join. Persuade them to join. New members mean added revenue for SFF!

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